

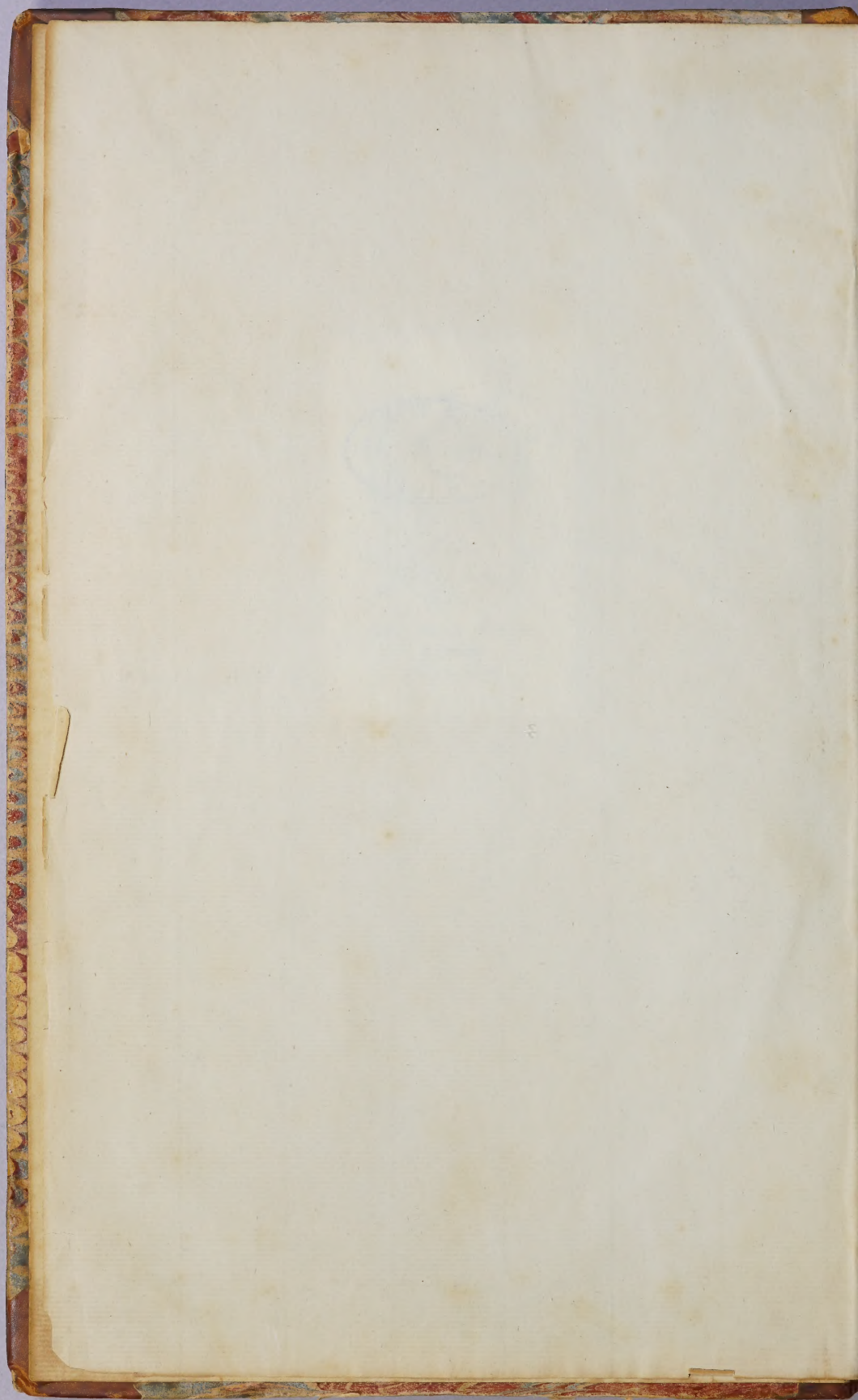


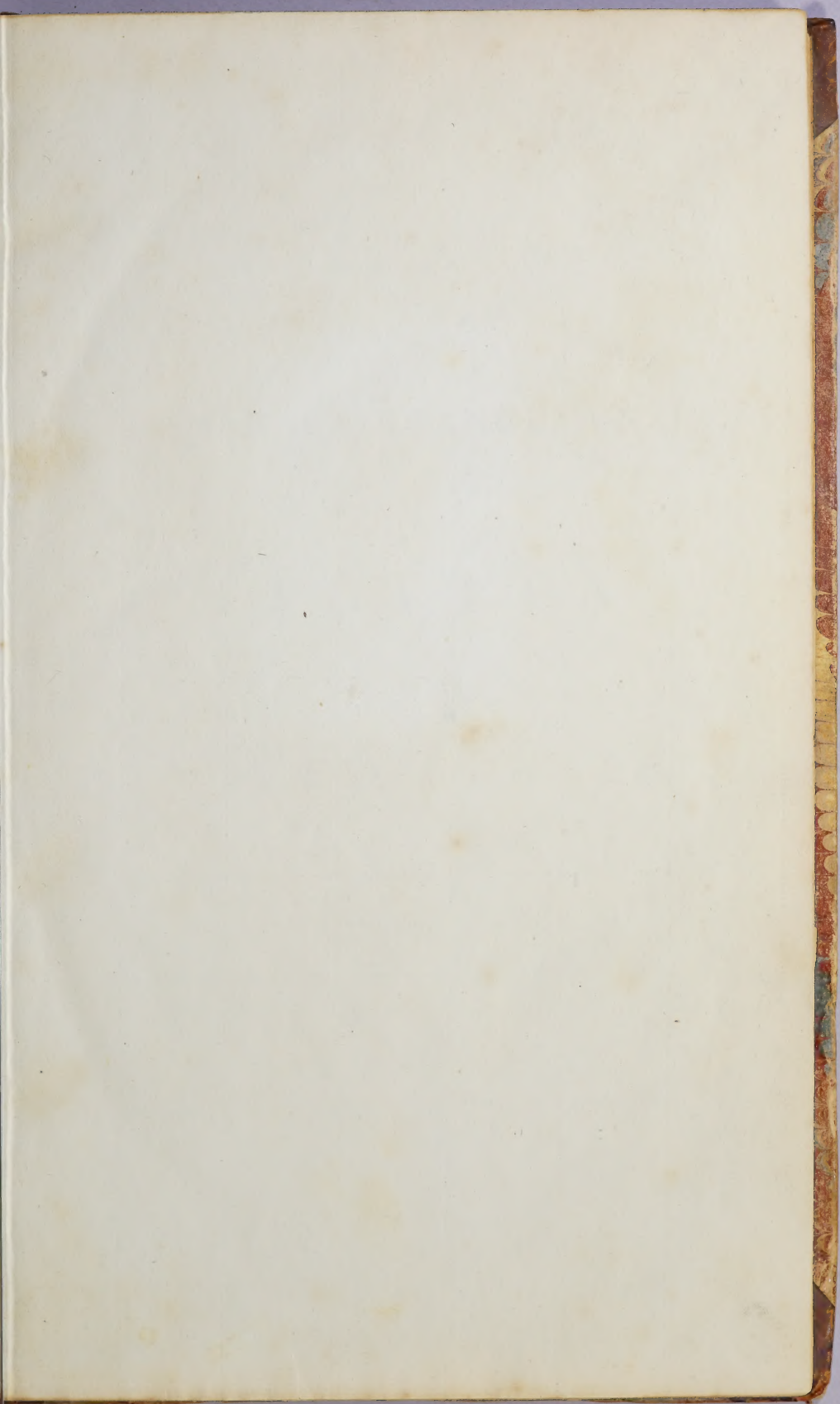
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PHILADELPHIA, *January 8th, 1793.*

S I R,

I HAVE the honor to inclose you a Report of the assays and experiments made on the Gold and Silver Coins of France, Spain, England, and Portugal, in pursuance of the resolution of the House of Representatives of November 29th, 1792, and of assuring you of those sentiments of respect and esteem, with which I am

S I R,

Your most obedient,

And most humble servant,

TH: JEFFERSON.

*The SPEAKER of the House
of Representatives.*

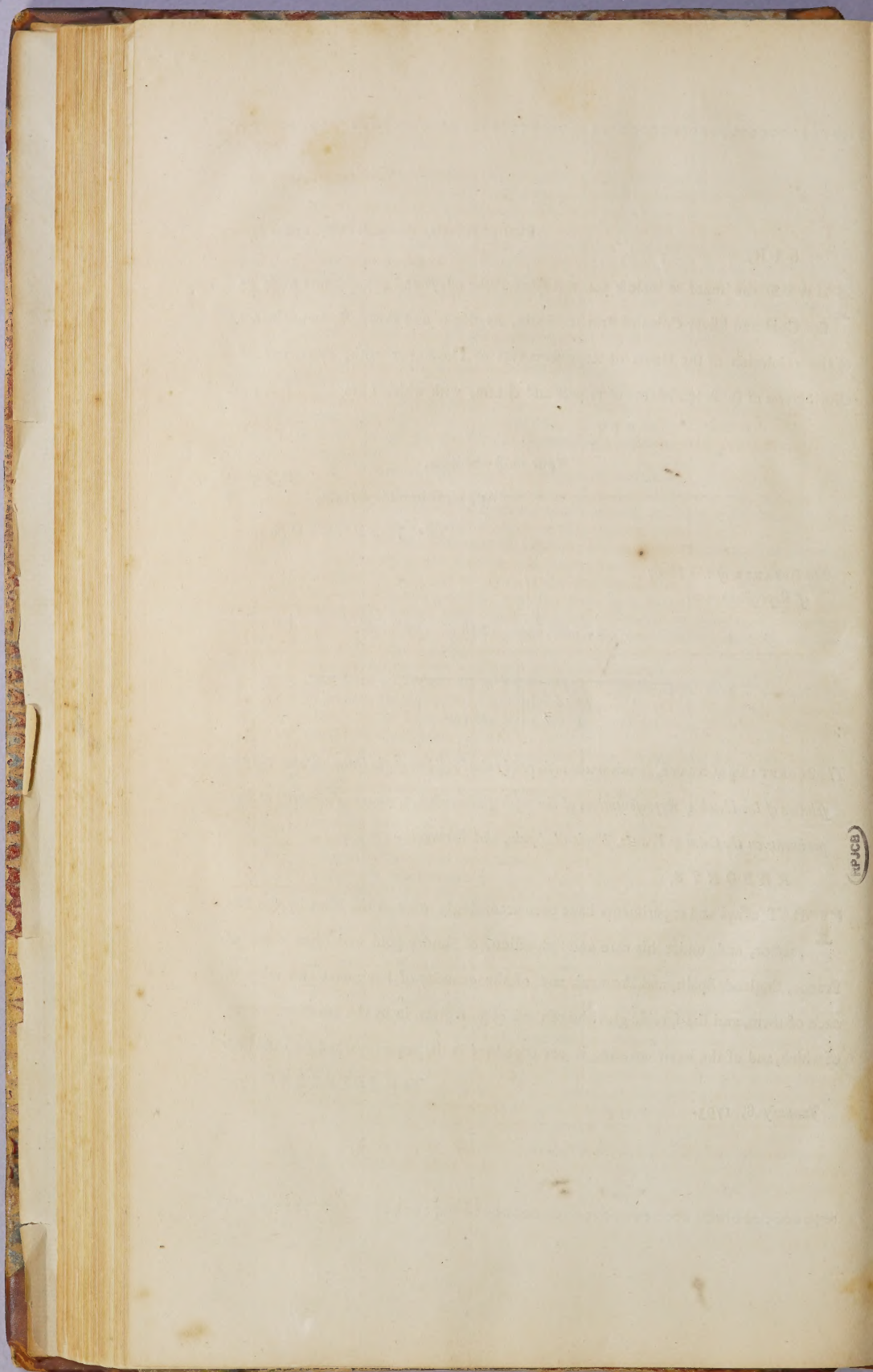
The SECRETARY of STATE, to whom was referred by the President of the United States, the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th of November, 1792, on the subject of Experiments on the Coins of France, England, Spain, and Portugal—

R E P O R T S,

THAT assays and experiments have been accordingly made at the Mint by the Director, and under his care and inspection, of fundry gold and silver coins of France, England, Spain, and Portugal, and of the quantity of fine metal and alloy in each of them, and the specific gravities of those of gold given in by the Director, a copy of which, and of the letter covering it, are contained in the papers marked (A) and (B).

TH: JEFFERSON.

January 8, 1793.



(A)

SIR,

January 7th, 1793.

I HAVE herewith enclosed the result of our Assays, &c. of the Coins of France, England, Spain and Portugal. In the course of the experiments a very small source of error was detected, too late for the present occasion, but which will be carefully guarded against in future.

I am, with the most perfect esteem,

Your most obedient humble servant,

DAVID RITTENHOUSE,

Director of the Mint.

(Copy.)

T. JEFFERSON, Secretary of State.

(B)

ASSAY of GOLD COINS.

	Date.	In 24 Grains.		Specific gravity.		Date.	In 24 Grains.		Specific gravity.
		Fine Gold.	Alloy.				Fine Gold.	Alloy.	
		grs. 32 pts.	grs. 32 pts.				grs. 32 pts.	grs. 32 pts.	
French guineas	1726	21 16	2 16	17. 48	English guineas	1755	21 28	2 4	17. 78
	1734	21 19	2 13	17. 38		1777	21 31	2 1	17. 75
	1742	21 26	2 6	17. 58		1785	21 30	2 2	17. 78
	1753	21 3	2 29	17. 23		1788	21 31	2 1	17. 79
	1775	21 22	2 10	17. 57		1789	22 3	1 29	17. 78
Double do.	1786	21 22	2 10	17. 51	1791	22 1	1 31	17. 74	
	1789	21 22	2 10	17. 50					
	1790	21 25	2 7	17. 57					
Spanish pistoles	1776	21 21	2 11	17. 53	Half jo-annes of Portugal	1739	21 31	2 1	17. 63
	1780	21 0	3 0	17. 57		1770	22 5	1 27	17. 78
	1786	21 18	2 14	17. 63		1776	22 5	1 27	17. 87
	1788	21 2	2 30	17. 0		1785	21 30	2 2	17. 68
						1788	21 31	2 1	17. 78

SILVER COINS.

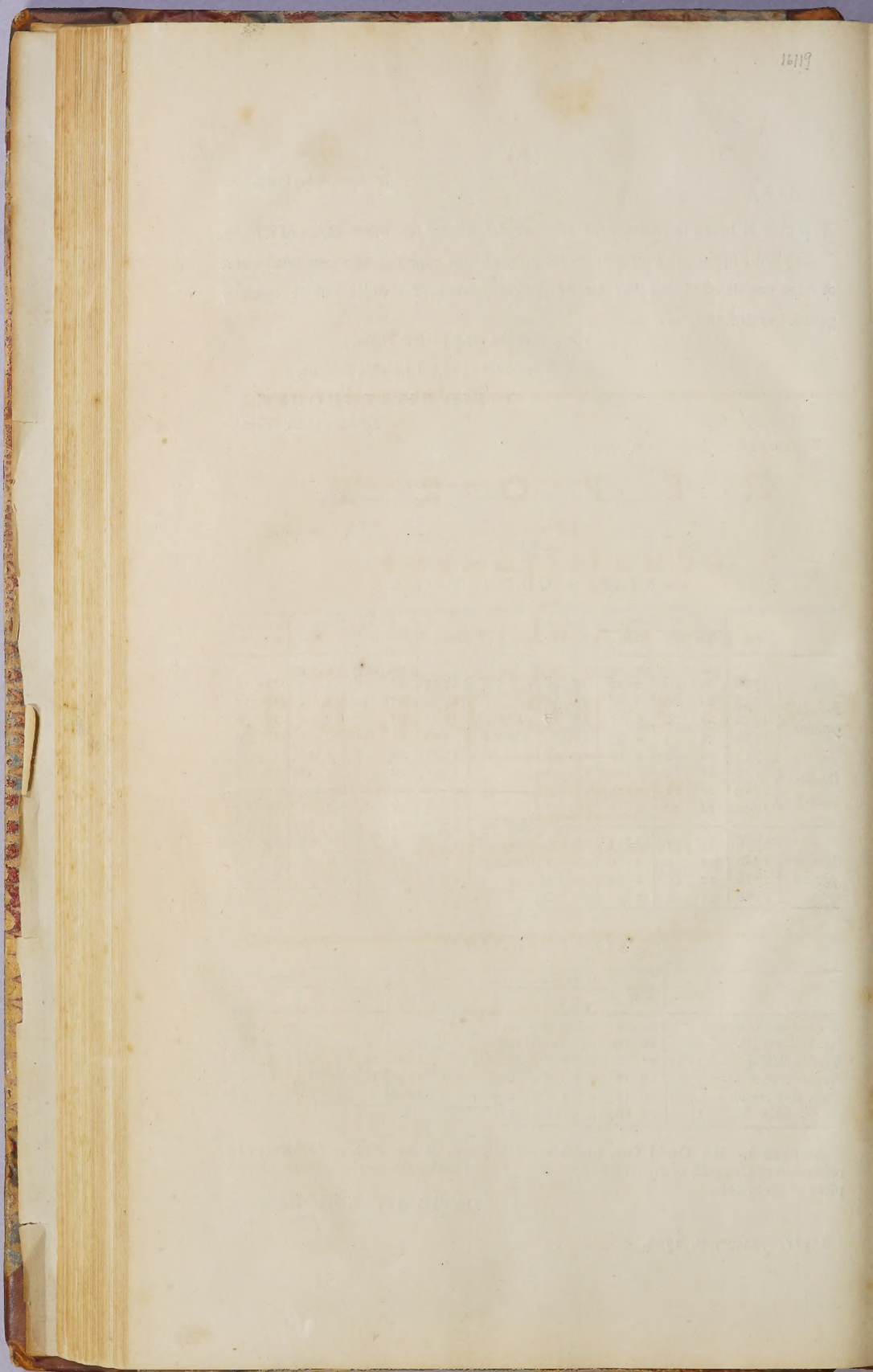
Date.	In 12 Ounces.				Date.	In 12 Ounces.					
	Fine silver.		Alloy.			Fine silver.		Alloy.			
	oz.	dwt	grs.	oz.	dwt.	grs.		oz.	dwt.	grs.	
English half crown of William III.	10	19	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Spanish dollar of	1772	10	15	5
English shilling	11	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	19	21 $\frac{1}{2}$		1782	10	14	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
French crown	10	16	0	1	4	0		1790	10	14	0
do. half crown	10	17	0	1	3	0		1791	10	14	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
do.	10	16	19	1	3	5					

ASSAYED by Mr. David Ott, under my inspection, at the mint, in pursuance of a resolution of Congress of November 29, 1792. I have added the specific gravity of each piece of gold coin.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE,

Director of the Mint.

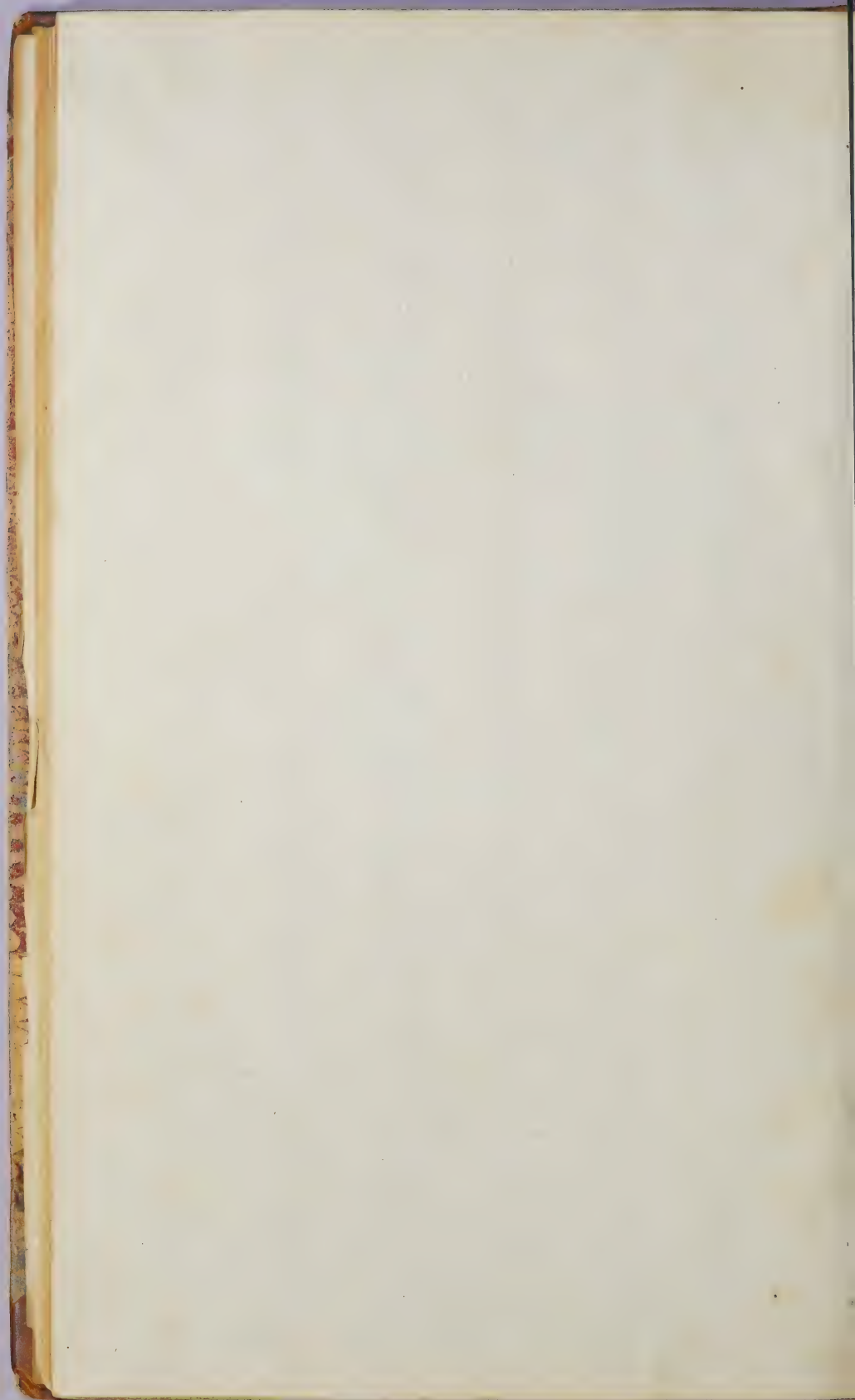
MINT, January 7, 1793.

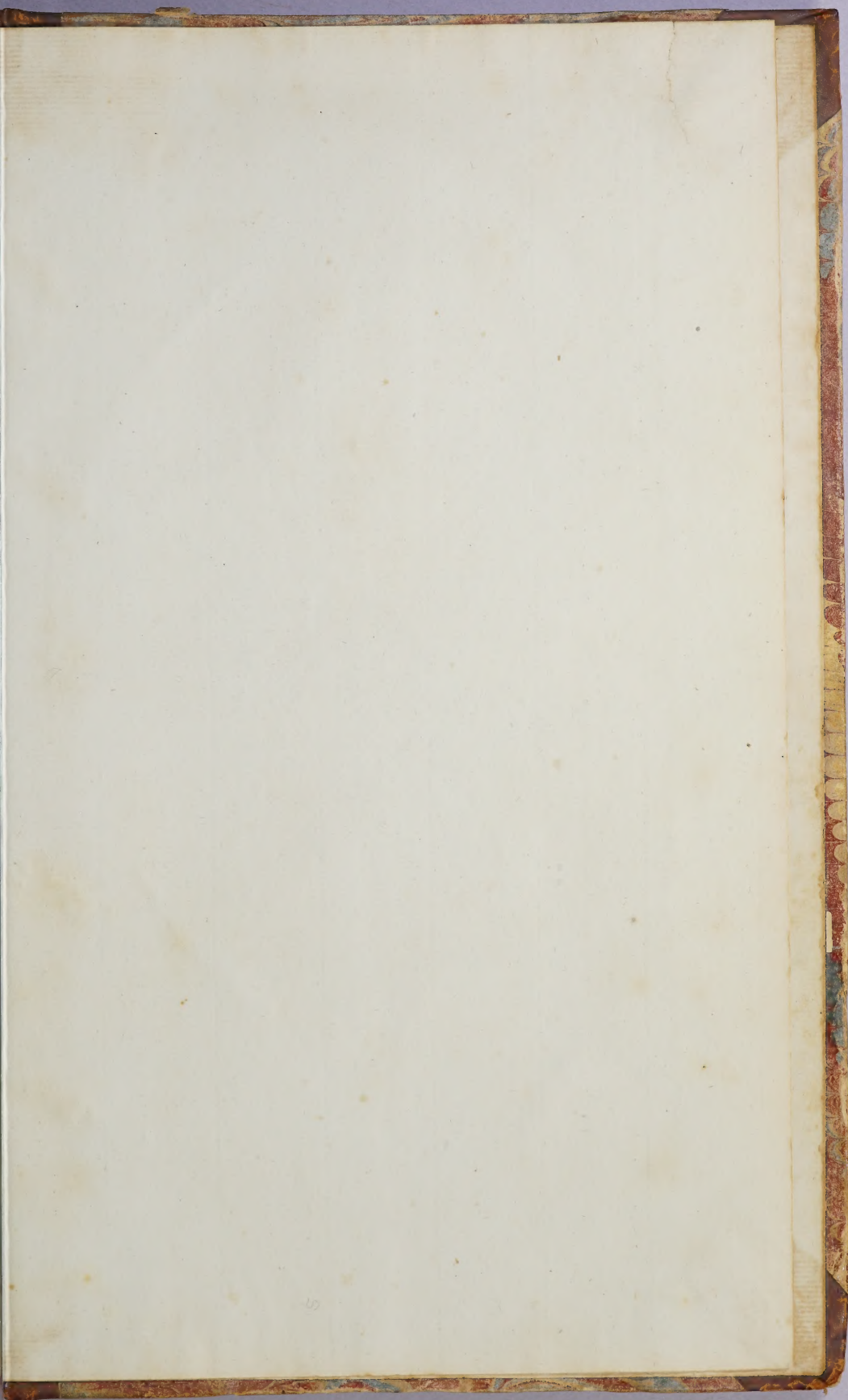


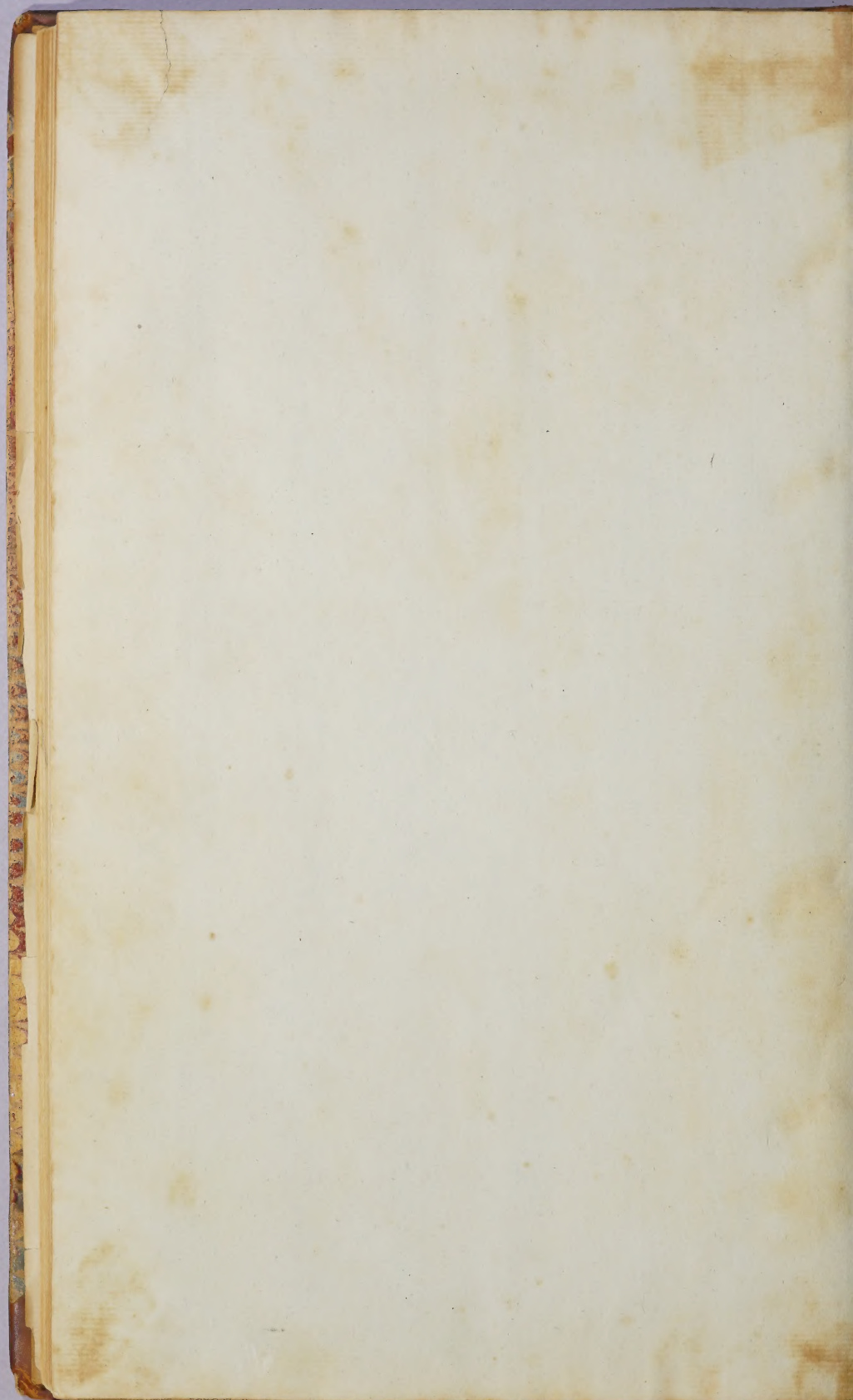
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